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May 22, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 07-16

Madame Secretary,

As an educator, I am writing you in support of Docket No. 07-16. Fast, free broadband service would help TICH's mission to teach students about their Latin heritage and culture. TICH is the acronym in Spanish for Hispanic American Intercultural Workshop, located in Tampa, Florida. We serve five dozen students per semester.

In a 2001 book about children of foreign-born parents - approximately 20 percent of American youth - the co-directors of the Harvard Immigration Project said that learning to be bicultural and function well in both worlds gives the child a better chance for success. Those who don't are more at risk of dropping out of school or joining gangs. And even if they become socially successful, they are more likely to alienate their families.

At the same time, The National Center for Education found only 52% of Latino students rate their education as positive while even less have access to the Internet.

Please pass Docket No. 07-16 and level the playing field on education for all students.

Regards,


Maria Esther Carrillo
TICH/Director

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May 31, 2007

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Re: Docket Item #07-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing today to urge the Federal Communications Commission move forward on adopting a nationwide internet access program that will provide easier and more affordable access to the Internet for all Americans.

As a small business owner I know how important internet access is becoming in our society. Without it, a small business cannot compete effectively in our digital economy. And, as a person who has also been active in community issues, I know how important it is that all in our society have affordable access to the internet.

I run an office supply business in Dallas. I am also the current vice chair of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors. I have also served on Chase Bank's community advisory board, the Dallas Together Forum, and the Dallas Independent School District's District 6 Advisory Committee. I have also been recognized as the Minority Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

In my role as a business woman and civic leader, I see the impact the internet is having in the business community and our community in general. While many can access the internet now through a variety of options, many cannot due to cost or the area they live in. It is important that as we move forward as a country that we work to assure easy, fast and affordable access for all to the internet.

It is my understanding that the FCC has before it a proposal from M2Z Networks that would provide free nationwide broadband service across America. I hope the FCC will give this proposal its consideration, along with other proposals that will provide easier access and more affordability for many on our country.

It is important that as we work to get more people connected to the internet. As a country, we should make sure that there is not a digital divide in our nation between those able to connect into the internet versus those who cannot due to economic circumstances or location.

Thank you.



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